Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending November 30, 1985

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	12,664	6,194	1,707	863	1,173	605
Prof., Tech. Managerial (00-19)	2,058	777	243	83	263	113
Clerical (20-24)	2,398	1,977	341	279	245	206
Sales (25-29)	671	340	98	43	54	28
Services (3)	2,164	1,333	295	177	175	115
Farm (4)	148	33	10	1	7	2
Processing (5)	217	89	24	10	17	11
Machine Trade (6)	1,089	361	101	36	76	27
Benchwork (7)	1,295	918	237	157	92	77
Structural (8)	1,425	79	159	22	160	11
Miscellaneous (9)	1,148	258	195	51	82	13
Unclassified	51	29	4	4	2	2

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	November 1985	October 1985	July 1, 1985 to Nov. 30, 1985
Total applicants for employment	2,222	2,164	12,644
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,495	2,865	14,092
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,060	2,479	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,350	2,257	7,543

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

December | Wesley S. Noyes, Jr., Editor, Supervisor, Economic Analysis and Reports | 85-12

SUMMARY: Total Unemployment in New Hampshire decreased by 470 from mid-November to mid-December. The latest total of 13,890 unemployed represents only 2.6 percent of the civilian labor force of 544,400. The unemployment rates were 2.7 percent in November and 3.5 percent a year ago. It should be noted that New Hampshire has recorded the lowest unemployment rate of any state in the country for the last four months, and it is likely that December's 2.6 rate will follow suit. Nationally, the unemployment rates were 6.7 percent in December, 6.7 percent in November, and 7.0 percent a year ago.

Six labor market areas experienced decreased unemployment from the previous month. Nashua recorded the largest unemployment decrease with 230 fewer jobless. Two areas, Berlin and Keene, had no change in unemployment. Four areas recorded unemployment increases led by the Laconia area with 150 more unemployed. The rates of unemployment ranged from a low of 1.7 percent in the Claremont and Concord areas to a high of 5.6 percent in the Littleton area. Compared with a year ago, nine areas recorded decreased unemployment levels while three areas, Nashua, Littleton, and Pelham recorded increased unemployment levels.

There was a significant increase of employment in trade from November as firms hired additional workers for the Christmas business. Also, services employment increased due in part to the beginning of the skiing season in New Hampshire. Construction employment dropped as a result of layoffs due to winter weather conditions.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 2,600 from November as manufacturing is up 550 workers and nonmanufacturing 2,050. Although construction lost 1,050 workers from November, trade gained 1,700 and services 850. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 30,550 workers as manufacturing lost 5,150 workers during the year while nonmanufacturing gained 35,700. Trade recorded an increase of 15,950 workers from a year ago. Services is up 7,800 and construction 8,100.

Manchester Economic Conditions: Total unemployment decreased by 200 from November as the unemployment rate dropped from 2.0 to 1.8 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.4 percent. The Manchester area has had the lowest unemployment rate of the 253 metropolitan reporting areas in the country for the past three months. With December's rate of 1.8 percent, it is safe to assume that this will be the case once again. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 250 workers from November and is up by 2,500 workers from the year ago level. While manufacturing is down 650 from a year ago, nonmanufacturing is up 3,150. The largest yearly industrial gain occurred in services which is up 1,000 workers.

Nashua Economic Conditions: Total unemployment decreased by 230 from November as the unemployment rate dropped from 2.7 to 2.5 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.3 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 50 from November, but has increased by 2,150 workers from a year ago. While manufacturing is down 1,550 from a year ago, nonmanufacturing is up 3,700. In the nonmanufacturing sector, trade is up 1,500, services 1,050, and construction 750.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Month	Year	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Month	Year	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	544,400	540,040	531,090	4,360	13,310	88,870	88,480	88,880	390	-10	96,570	96,530	96,480	40	90
2. Unemployment	13,890	14,360	18,360	-470	-4,470	1,580	1,780	2,150	-200	-570	2,370	2,600	2,250	-230	120
Percent of labor force	2.6	2.7	3.5	xxx	xxx	1.8	2.0	2.4	xxx	xxx	2.5	2.7	2.3	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	530,510	525,680	512,730	4,830	17,780	87,290	86,700	86,730	590	560	94,200	93,930	94,230	270	-30
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	490,650	488,050	460,100	2,600	30,550	80,750	80,500	78,250	250	2,500	85,150	85,200	83,000	-50	2,150
Manufacturing	121,700	121,150	126,850	550	-5,150	15,350	15,500	16,000	-150	-650	36,150	36,400	37,700	-250	-1,550
Durable goods	82,300	82,050	85,850	250	-3,550	9,150	9,200	9,150	-50	0	30,750	31,000	31,800	-250	-1,050
Lumber & wood prods.	5,300	5,300	5,550	0	-250										
Furniture & fixtures	1,450	1,400	1,450	50	0										
Stone & clay prods.	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0										
Primary metal prods.	4,650	4,600	4,900	50	-250										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,850	6,700	7,300	150	-450										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,100	25,300	25,150	-200	-50			Machinery	And	Electrical	Products	Combined			
Electrical prods.	24,850	24,800	27,750	50	-2,900	5,350	5,450	5,750	-100	-400	23,800	24,050	24,500	-250	-700
Miscellaneous prods.	2,250	2,200	2,250	50	0										
Other durables	8,850	8,750	8,500	100	350	3,800	3,750	3,400	50	400	6,950	6,950	7,300	0	-350
Nondurable goods	39,400	39,100	41,000	300	-1,600	6,200	6,300	6,850	-100	-650	5,400	5,400	5,900	0	-500
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,050	3,000	50	100										
Textile mill prods.	3,750	3,750	4,300	0	-550										
Apparel	2,500	2,450	2,650	50	-150	1,750	1,800	2,050	-50	-300					
Paper & allied prods.	5,450	5,350	5,700	100	-250										
Print., pub. & allied	6,800	6,750	7,300	50	-500										
Leather & lea. prods.	6,900	6,950	6,700	-50	200										
Other nondurables	10,900	10,800	11,350	100	-450	4,450	4,500	4,800	-50	-350					
Nonmanufacturing	368,950	366,900	333,250	2,050	35,700	65,400	65,000	62,250	400	3,150	49,000	48,800	45,300	200	3,700
Construction (inc. min.)	35,100	36,150	27,000	-1,050	8,100	5,150	5,150	4,300	0	850	4,300	4,350	3,550	-50	750
Trans., comm. & util.	15,800	15,700	15,250	100	550	4,850	4,900	4,700	-50	150	2,350	2,350	2,250	0	100
Trade	127,050	125,350	111,100	1,700	15,950	21,200	20,850	20,750	350	450	18,300	18,150	16,800	150	1,500
Fin., ins. & real estate	26,450	26,150	24,350	300	2,100	7,050	6,950	6,600	100	450	2,850	2,850	2,750	0	100
Service industry & other	99,250	98,400	91,450	850	7,800	19,300	19,400	18,300	-100	1,000	15,100	15,000	14,050	100	1,050
Government	65,300	65,150	64,100	150	1,200	7,850	7,750	7,600	100	250	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	200
Federal	12,300	12,250	12,050	50	250	2,350	2,300	2,250	50	100	700	700	700	0	0
State	18,000	18,000	16,550	0	1,450	850	850	850	0	0	200	200	200	0	0
Local	35,000	34,900	35,500	100	-500	4,650	4,600	4,500	50	150	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	200

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Area and County

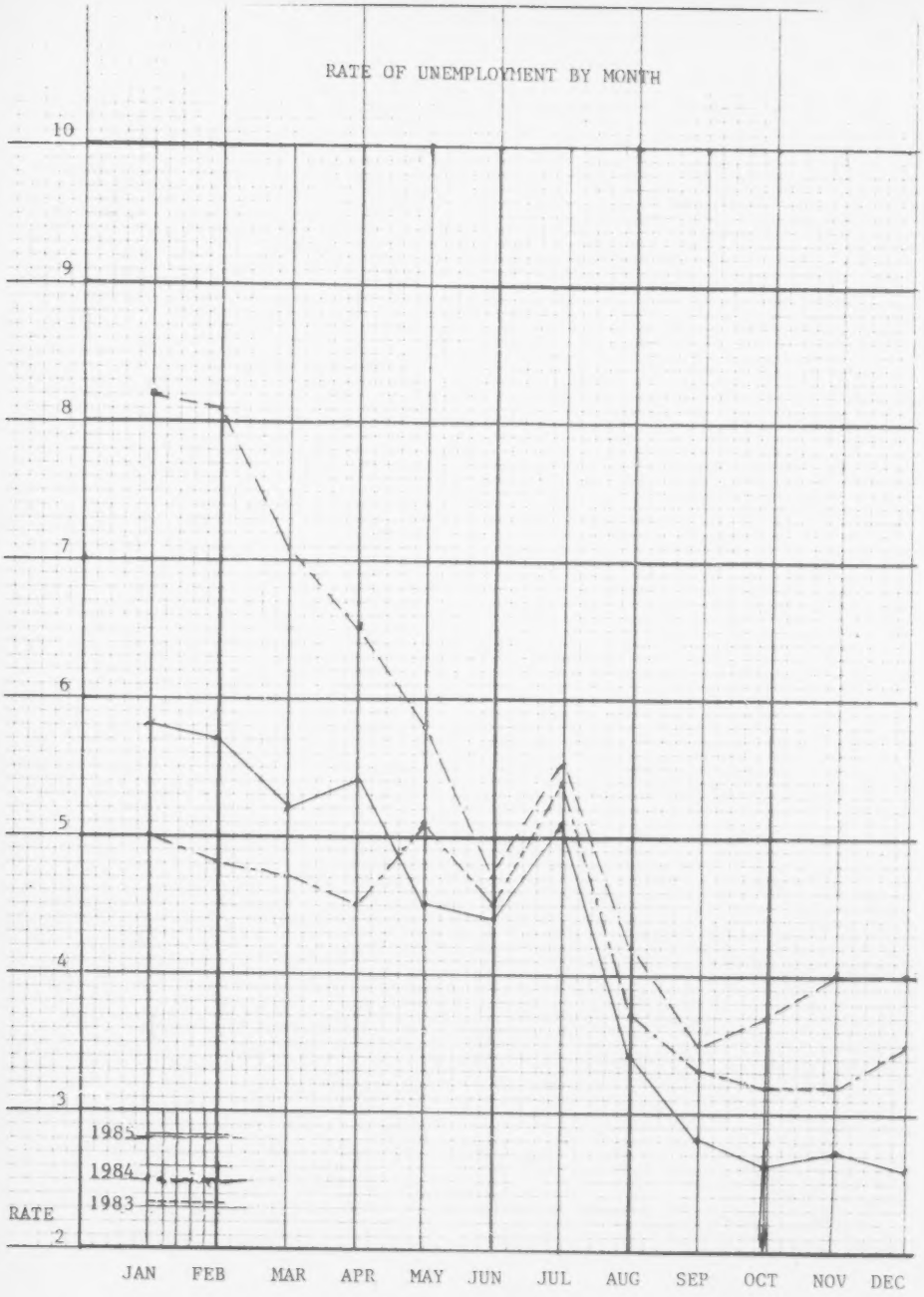
Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	December 1985		November 1985		December 1984		Numerical Change From Previous		December 1985	November 1985	December 1984	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year				Month	Year
United States**	7,717	6.7	7,815	6.7	7,978	7.0	-98	-261	115,780	116,097	114,028	-317	1,752
New Hampshire	13,890	2.6	14,360	2.7	18,360	3.5	-470	-4,470	544,400	540,040	531,090	4,360	13,310
Area													
Berlin LMA	830	4.1	830	4.2	910	4.7	0	-80	20,240	19,580	19,300	660	940
Claremont LMA	650	1.7	690	1.8	920	2.5	-40	-270	38,860	38,730	36,770	130	2,090
Concord LMA	790	1.7	840	1.8	1,160	2.6	-50	-370	46,990	46,570	44,800	420	2,190
Keene LMA	760	1.9	760	1.9	880	2.2	0	-120	41,070	40,110	39,510	960	1,560
Laconia LMA	1,050	2.3	900	2.0	1,430	3.2	150	-380	45,800	45,340	44,440	460	1,360
Littleton LMA	850	5.6	710	4.8	790	5.5	140	60	15,260	14,670	14,420	590	840
Manchester MSA	1,580	1.8	1,780	2.0	2,150	2.4	-200	-570	88,870	88,480	88,880	390	-10
Nashua PMSA	2,370	2.5	2,600	2.7	2,250	2.3	-230	120	96,570	96,530	96,480	40	90
N.H. Portion of Lawrence Haverhill MA. PMSA ***	2,120	4.3	2,060	4.3	2,730	5.8	60	-610	48,850	48,280	46,880	570	1,970
Portsmouth - Dover - Rochester N.H. - ME.	2,690	2.6	2,870	2.7	5,180	5.0	-180	-2,490	105,310	104,830	103,540	480	1,770
Unattached Estimating Area ****	440	3.0	500	3.4	690	4.9	-60	-250	14,700	14,850	14,040	-150	660
Town of Pelham (Part of Lowell MA - NH PMSA)	210	4.0	200	3.8	110	2.2	10	100	5,260	5,250	4,960	10	300
County													
Belknap	520	2.2	470	2.0	760	3.4	50	-240	23,340	23,130	22,670	210	670
Carroll	310	2.2	290	2.1	460	3.4	20	-150	14,050	13,780	13,560	270	490
Cheshire	700	1.9	690	1.9	810	2.3	10	-110	36,800	35,930	35,410	870	1,390
Coos	970	5.4	880	5.1	940	5.5	90	30	17,950	17,290	17,020	660	930
Grafton	990	2.8	940	2.6	1,110	3.2	50	-120	36,000	35,490	34,240	510	1,760
Hillsborough	4,030	2.2	4,480	2.4	4,440	2.4	-450	-410	183,580	183,160	182,580	420	1,000
Merrimack	1,050	1.8	1,000	1.8	1,430	2.6	50	-380	57,570	57,010	55,310	560	2,260
Rockingham	3,700	3.4	3,820	3.5	4,870	4.6	-120	-1,170	108,630	107,970	105,080	660	3,550
Strafford	1,260	2.7	1,380	3.0	2,970	6.4	-120	-1,710	46,470	46,310	46,210	160	260
Sullivan	360	1.8	410	2.1	570	3.0	-50	-210	20,010	19,970	19,010	40	1,000

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA — includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA — is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1985	1984	1983	1982
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - December	323.4			
Percent change from year ago	3.6			
Year average	318.5	307.6	297.4	288.6
Percent increase each year	3.3	3.4	3.0	6.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - December	327.4			
Percent change from year ago	3.8			
Year average	322.2	311.1	298.4	289.1
Percent increase each year	3.6	4.3	3.2	6.1

THE TWENTY FIVE OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF WORKERS IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Forty percent of the covered employees in the selected nonmanufacturing industries were employed in the twenty five specific occupations listed below. These specific occupations comprise only 7.6 percent of the grand total of 326 specific occupations employing ten or more workers.

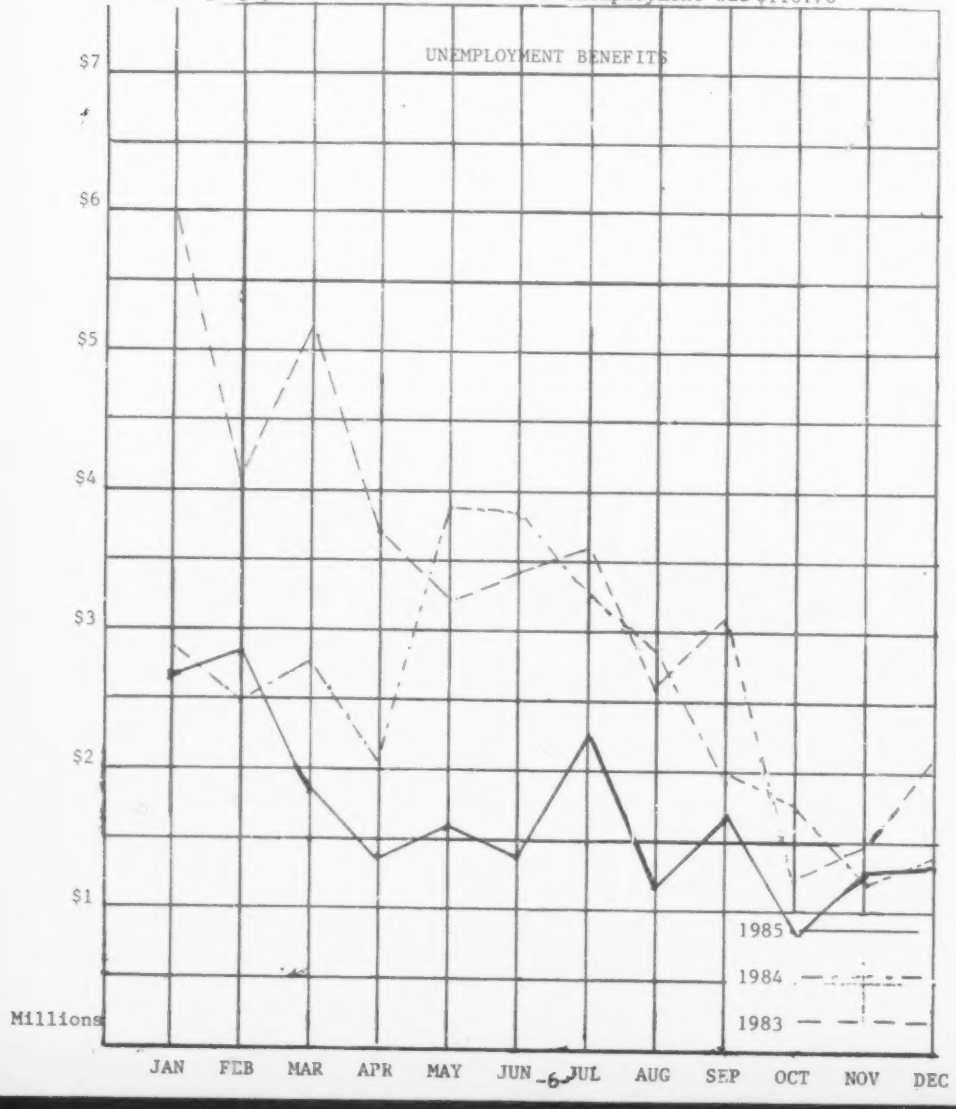
RANK	OES CODE	OCCUPATIONAL TITLE	APRIL-JUNE 1984 ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
1	87102	Carpenters	3,350	3.2
2	67005	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	3,002	2.9
3	55338	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	2,921	2.8
4	55347	General Office Clerks	2,690	2.6
5	53102	Tellers	2,397	2.3
6	55100	Secretaries	2,316	2.2
7	66008	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	2,260	2.1
8	32502	Registered Nurses	2,099	2.0
9	13002	Financial Managers	1,970	1.9
10	65008	Waiters and Waitresses	1,595	1.5
11	67002	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,575	1.5
12	87502	Plumbers, Pipefitters and Steamfitters	1,536	1.5
13	85132	Maintenance Repairers, General Utility	1,505	1.4
14	55305	Receptionists and Information Clerks	1,213	1.2
15	19005	General Managers and Top Executives	1,198	1.1
16	68005	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	1,132	1.1
17	21114	Accountants and Auditors	1,089	1.0
18	15017	Construction Managers	1,073	1.0
19	25105	Computer Programmers	1,071	1.0
20	51002	First Line Supervisors and Manager/ Supervisors-Clerical and Administrative Support Occupations	1,070	1.0
21	43002	Sales Agents and Placers-Insurance	1,065	1.0
22	65005	Bartenders	1,064	1.0
23	98312	Helpers-Carpenters and Related	1,041	1.0
24	55102	Legal Secretaries	1,037	1.0
25	53314	Insurance Policy Processing Clerks	1,034	1.0

SOURCE: Occupational Employment Statistics Survey for New Hampshire for selected nonmanufacturing industries. Staffing Patterns to be published in March 1986.

Weekly Claims Filed During December
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	8,134	15,186	22	42	16	13	53	122	23	44
Berlin	427	1,244	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	0
Claremont	381	453	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	6
Concord	748	1,152	2	3	0	0	7	8	1	0
Conway	86	343	0	2	1	0	2	5	1	3
Dover	1,161	1,719	8	11	2	2	8	31	8	9
Keene	392	750	1	4	3	6	4	13	1	5
Laconia	925	1,043	5	7	3	2	6	5	1	7
Lebanon	120	270	0	0	1	2	1	6	0	0
Littleton	483	1,375	0	12	0	1	1	11	0	1
Manchester	1,190	2,002	0	0	0	0	9	4	3	5
Nashua	1,319	1,866	1	3	0	0	2	3	0	0
Portsmouth	363	1,324	0	0	3	0	7	24	3	4
Salem	305	392	2	0	1	0	1	8	1	0
Liable Interstate	234	1,253	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	4

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $110.70



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$117,804,184.79

Net contributions received during month:

$ *-50,079.81

*Reflects refunds for adverse ratings.

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,308,630.90

Interest Received:

$ 0

Year Summary

Net Contributions

$35,626,030.07

Net Benefits Paid

$19,870,821.05

Interest Received

$10,441,479.16

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
All manufacturing	$362.04	$354.83	$336.49	42.0	41.5	41.8	$8.62	$8.55	$8.05
Durable goods	380.95	371.28	352.33	42.9	42.0	42.5	8.88	8.84	8.29
Lumber & wood prods.	257.52	248.71	269.15	38.9	38.5	41.6	6.62	6.46	6.47
Furniture & fixtures	290.07	266.95	267.33	42.1	38.3	38.8	6.89	6.97	6.89
Stone & clay prods.	338.91	333.32	369.84	42.1	41.1	46.0	8.05	8.11	8.04
Primary metal prods.	400.26	417.69	371.46	42.4	44.2	44.7	9.44	9.45	8.31
Fab. metal prods.	351.85	345.49	302.91	42.7	42.6	39.7	8.24	8.11	7.63
Mach. (exc. elec.)	433.74	414.50	405.68	47.3	45.3	46.1	9.17	9.15	8.80
Electrical prods.	393.60	389.61	349.92	41.0	40.5	40.5	9.60	9.62	8.64
Miscellaneous prods.	277.02	257.15	253.13	40.5	39.2	39.8	6.84	6.56	6.36
Other durables	389.42	373.35	364.56	42.7	41.3	42.0	9.12	9.04	8.68
Nondurable goods	326.42	323.99	307.75	40.2	40.6	40.6	8.12	7.98	7.58
Food & kindred prods.	387.89	404.38	384.09	39.5	40.6	41.3	9.82	9.96	9.30
Textile mill prods.	297.51	288.56	276.34	42.2	41.4	40.4	7.05	6.97	6.84
Apparel	215.27	211.30	203.50	37.9	37.2	36.8	5.68	5.68	5.53
Paper & allied prods.	476.62	458.83	455.47	49.7	47.4	48.3	9.59	9.68	9.43
Print., pub. & allied	353.73	335.89	298.54	39.7	38.3	39.7	8.91	8.77	7.52
Leather & lea. prods.	198.91	204.80	195.84	36.1	36.9	36.2	5.51	5.55	5.41
Footwear	185.14	193.61	182.85	35.4	36.6	35.3	5.23	5.29	5.18
Other nondurables	355.94	361.99	336.60	39.2	41.8	41.2	9.08	8.66	8.17

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 40%

Total Production Workers: 84,250

Firms Reporting: 318

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
All manufacturing	$350.27	$340.23	$313.61	41.6	40.6	39.9	$8.42	$8.38	$7.86
Durable goods	380.84	363.04	344.25	42.6	40.7	40.5	8.94	8.92	8.50
Mach. & elec. prods.	401.75	368.92	352.31	44.1	40.9	41.4	9.11	9.02	8.51
Other durables	354.09	354.24	333.66	40.7	40.3	39.3	8.70	8.79	8.49
Nondurable goods	307.49	307.44	274.09	40.3	40.4	39.1	7.63	7.61	7.01
Textiles & apparel	270.55	267.70	261.09	40.2	39.6	39.8	6.73	6.76	6.56
Other nondurables	321.59	323.54	278.58	40.3	40.8	38.8	7.98	7.93	7.18

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 47%

Total Production Workers: 11,150

Firms Reporting: 40

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
All manufacturing	$432.01	$427.66	$400.48	41.7	41.4	41.5	$10.36	$10.33	$9.65
Durable goods	437.57	430.96	401.99	42.4	41.8	41.7	10.32	10.31	9.64
Mach. & elec. prods.	463.14	466.05	423.10	41.5	41.5	40.8	11.16	11.23	10.37
Other durables	372.35	343.26	348.98	44.7	42.8	44.4	8.33	8.02	7.86
Nondurable goods	406.84	409.11	388.57	38.6	39.0	40.1	10.54	10.49	9.69

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 68%

Total Production Workers: 19,950

Firms Reporting: 72